

**CITY OF LE CENTER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

**** MINUTES ****

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Fredrickson, C. Harmeyer, D. Woelfel, C. Scott, J. Weiers
Absent: None

**** Public Hearing on Final 2019 Net Tax Levy and 2019 Total Budget ****

City Administrator Collins explained the 2019 levy and budget bottom lines; stating that they were exactly the same as the approved September preliminary max allowed. There were no questions, comments, or discussion from the council or general public as allowed.

1) *Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2018I**; thereby approving the 2019 Final Net Tax Levy of \$1,102,662 (+ 1.586%). Approved unanimously.*

2) *Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to adopt **Resolution No. 2018I**; thereby approving the 2019 Final Total Budget of \$3,491,020 (+ 0.91%). Approved unanimously.*

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Weiers, Minutes from November 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

B) Council changes to Agenda: ADD: Reports F) Bolton & Menk: Justice Center pond discussion.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Motion by Woelfel, Seconded by Harmeyer, to pay the bills listed and due. Approved unanimously.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

A) E.D.A. Report

Director Collins reported he attended the economic development & education conference in Hutchinson on Nov. 15; and fielded several questions from the council.

B) P & Z Report

Director Corey Block was absent; no report.

C) Municipal Liquor Store

Manager Brad Collins gave the November report: Sales were \$80,961: up \$5,400 from October, and up \$2,000 from Nov. 2017. YTD Rev. up by \$28,000 & YTD Exp. up by \$39,000. Nov. GP margin = 39.19%. Food GP = 28.37%. Collins also reported: Nov. was Pfeiffer tourney, meat raffle, Holly Daze Celebration. Dec. will be craft night, volleyball memorial party, tailgate party, trivia contest, & ugly holiday sweater contest. Closing at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve and closed all Christmas Day.

D) Police Department

Police Chief Pfarr reported on the police activities for month of November: 133 calls @ 2,186 miles patrolled/ total calls up 8%, total miles down 1% for the year. Pfarr reported: slow for criminal activity, but much time spent in court/ computer problems in their office, had county IT come look at/ DARE graduation this week/ contacted Factor Motors about purchasing new squad car/ looking at some new “best practices” training.

E) Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks Departments

Public Works Supt. Curt Roemhildt reported:

- Streets- 1st snow: worked 2:00 am – 10:45 am – done plowing.
- Skating rink- will be ready this week, weather permitting.
- Misc.- lots of locating of utilities for Jaguar Company; running fiber optic thru city.

F) Bolton & Menk Engineering

Engineer Hawbaker discussed the letter from BKV Group concerning the storm-water pond at County Justice Center; requesting to direct it down to our current settling pond in that area. Mr. Hawbaker answered several council questions: is pond capable of handling the extra water? Will the county pay for all this upgrade?

County Commissioner Lance Wetzel was in attendance and agreed to the following:

- 1) County will pay for the upgrade.
- 2) County will pay for any extra maintenance once project completed.
- 3) County will pay to have current pond cleaned & dug out beforehand.

Hawbaker will look at their plans & quantity numbers and make a recommendation to the city council based on those.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no petitions, requests, comments, or communications from the general public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, to approve the 2019 employee wages sheet. Approved unanimously.

- B) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, to approve **Resolution No. 2018G**, thereby adding P/T police officers Brooklyn Carroll and Dustin Vanderbeek to the Police & Fire Public Retirement Plan as required by the state. Approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Woelfel, to approve the 2019 City/ Ambulance Services Agreement. Approved unanimously.
- B) Motion by Weiers, Seconded by Scott, to adopt **Resolution No. 2018H**, thereby designating the 2019 official polling place for the city as City Hall @ 10 West Tyrone Street in Le Center. Approved unanimously.
- C) Motion by Scott, Seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the new 3 yr. audit agreement with new city auditors Abdo, Eick, & Meyers, LLP. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION & MISC.

- A) Administrator Collins asked council permission to close city hall offices on Dec. 24 if employees use already earned vacation time? Motion by Harmeyer, Seconded by Weiers, yes permission granted. Approved unanimously.
- B) Mayor Fredrickson took time to formally thank Mr. Dennis Woelfel for his time and dedication serving on City Council over the last six years. A round of applause!

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Scott, Seconded by Weiers, for Mayor Fredrickson to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. 7:40 PM.